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President's Thoughts!

By Kenneth French

Maybe I'm barking up the wrong tree, but I thought our auction was to raise money for the AMIGA AND help the library. As of this date not one red penny has gone to the library to aid us in purchasing up to date programs. WHAT'S UP? Again, maybe I'm beating a dead horse but, people, we've got to do something to generate interest in our club or we are going to go the way of the T.REX, and that ain't good. There are too many C-64 and C-128 user's out there for us to ALL go the AMIGA route and I for one am a dedicated C-128/64 user. We need some ideas.

I will not be able available

Meeting Information

Date: Monday August 9, 1993

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: O.G.&E. Service Center,
7200 Highway 45 (across from
Hiram Walker)

Demo: Donald Morton will bring the Amiga setup. Mark Farley will have a club special. James Dill will have a demo for the 64/128 group. If you have any software or hardware problems, bring them. BE THERE

for the next monthly meeting because of a medical appointment at the VA Hospital in Little Rock but I would still like to hear that you had a BUNCH of discussion on how we can help our club get back on it's feet. Surely we all know a couple of new 128'64 people who have purchased a used system and are looking for help. When you sell your 'antique' be sure and give them the low down on the club.

How about compiling a list of 64/128 users we've known from years past and sending them a postcard? How about a small ad in the classified section of the newspaper advertising our club? Why not have a 'potluck picnic' for current, past, and potential members? Let's all start dropping a dollar in a basket at the door, have a drawing at the end of our meeting and the winner goes home with ??? bucks? We could also have door prizes. They don't have to be money or gifts, they could be copies of library software. We could have guest speakers/demo's from other area clubs. Come on guys and gals, let's have a real "BRAINSTORM" meeting and SAVE OUR CLUB, it's worth saving!!!

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DEADLINE for the Newsletter
for September issue will be
August 23.

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Amiga Thoughts

By Steve Caperton

If you haven't looked lately there are a huge assortment of products available for the AMIGA. If you even have one of the older 500's you can put a Rom drive or a 1 gigabyte removable hard drive.

Whow! I can remember when 64K was a big upgrade Ha! Ha!. It is conceivable that a person (having the money) could put several 1 Gig hard drives on at once. I guess you could get all of the letters to your girl friend on that! How about a turbo kit, I

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thought those only came in race cars, anyway, I think an AMIGA at 50 or 60 megahz. (MEGA HURTS) or (MANY OUCHES) would run pretty good, maybe add a math coprocessor (ar..ar...ARR) Humm I see a "tool time" episode coming on... Well anyway I have said all of this to remind you that the AMIGA is still a pretty mean machine so the next time one of your Ahem.. IBM friends start to mouth off to you just say ... WANA race em?

Finances

Commodore Computer Club

Financial Statement July, 31, 1993

INCOME RECEIVED:

Membership.....\$ 00.00
Library..... 29.00

Total Deposit \$ 29.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage.....\$ 29.00
Telephone..... 43.82

Total Disbursments \$ 72.82

Beginning Cash:.....\$ 208.94

Inc/Dec in Cash:..... - 43.82

Ending Cash:.....\$ 165.12

BREAKDOWN:

General.....\$ 152.02

BBS..... 13.10

Total \$ 165.12

James Dill, July 31, 1993

1541 Head Cleaning

Some Commercial head-cleaning disks require 20-30 seconds of operation with the red light on to get good results. The following simple program will accomplish that result:

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10 OPEN 15,8,15
20 PRINT#15,"I"
30 INPUT#15,A,B$,C,D
40 N=N+1:IF N<15 THEN 20
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The key point of the program is that line 20 gives an error that is rapidly read and cleared in line 30. The loop in line 40 allows the program to repeat for about 20 seconds of drive operation..

You should clean the heads of your drive at least once a month to insure longer life.

Secretary's Report

By Steve Caperton

Commodore Computer Club
General Minutes 07/12/93.

The General meeting of the Commodore Computer Club Of Fort Smith met Monday July 12, 1993 in the OG&E Service center 7200 Highway 45. The meeting was called to order by president Kenny French at 7:10 P.M.

The first order of business was the discussion of the BBS format. Kenny stated he wished to see the club BBS have Commodore 64 programs made available as soon as possible. Dale Lawson stated he would as soon as he could find some new ones available to put on.

Tom Goins announced that the newsletter deadline would be July 26.

Kenny stated that He would not be able to attend next months meeting and appointed Rex Lawson to intercede.

Dale Lawson announced that the Apple Computer group was putting on a computer fest OCT. 23, at Westark and that we were invited to participate.

Gerald Brown announced the address of a new user magazine called Die Hard, for the 64 users. The magazine is published out of Boise Idaho and costs \$15.00 a year.

Steve Caperton relayed an invitation to any computer club member to accept a invitation to talk on KFSM-TV's Morning news segment once a month.

Mark Farley was nominated and accepted. Mark Farley then gave the club special Demonstration featuring the game ZORK and a collection of utility programs that help keep score in tournaments. Mark also shared a series of GIF pictures he had printed in color.

The Amiga users demonstrated some of the utilities and briefed new members on how to use some of these utilities.

There were 24 present at the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. .

Commodore Computer Club
Executive minutes 07/12/93.

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny French at 8:45 P.M. at the OG&E service center 7200 Highway 45.

Kenny ask if there was any new business. There was a discussion on whether or not we would be able to attend the Computer fest in October. It was generally agreed that we would try to participate. The KFSM morning news segment was generally discussed.

Some newer members requested help with their Commodore 64 for the next meeting .

Donald Morton will bring his AMIGA 600 for the meeting next time and James Dill will Demonstrate on the 64.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

THE WRITE STUFF Extra Text Area

by Dick Estel

One useful, but often overlooked feature of The Write Stuff is the "extra text area." This permits you to have two documents in memory at once (or more in the 128 version). You can switch between them.

The most obvious use is for transferring portions of one document into another. You can "eat" sections of text from one document, and restore them in the other. Another use would be to compare two versions of the same document.

To set up an additional text area, press [CONTROL] [SHIFT] +. In the 64 version, this immediately splits the text memory area into two equal parts (about 10,000 bytes each).

In the 128 version you will see a horizontal bar with the numbers 1 through 9 across it. Pressing a number will divide the text memory area into two sections. The numbers represent the approximate percentage allotted to the original area. Pressing 3 would give you two areas, of about 19,000 bytes and 43,000 bytes respectively. Pressing 5 would give you two

equal areas, about 31,000 bytes each.

Pressing additional numbers creates additional text areas, so you could have up to 10 separate areas, but they would be limited to about 6,000 bytes each.

You switch between areas by pressing [CONTROL] q. If you have more than two areas, pressing [CONTROL] [SHIFT] Q switches to the previous area, while [CONTROL] q moves to the next one.

Two times in the year or so that I have been using TWS 128, I have had a problem. Whatever I did in one area also happened in the other area also. If I cleared the text in area 2, the text disappeared in area 1 also. If I loaded a new document, it

loaded in both areas. I think the problem was related to something else I had done wrong, but I would suggest saving the document in each area before loading a file or clearing text in another area.

Overall this is a very useful feature which I use regularly -- just another benefit of the world's greatest cheap word processor. (Jan 93 CUGOS, Commodores Users Group of Springfield, via 64UM, Fresno Commodore User Group) FROM THE EDITOR

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News From The Editor

by Tom Goins

In June, I had to take my daughter to Dallas and it also just happened to be on a meeting night of the Metroplex Commodore Computer Club, Amiga Central Chapter. This group meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Arlington Community Center, 2800 S. Center in Arlington, TX at 7:30 PM. I thought that as long as I was in the area, I would attend a meeting.

The meeting started off with a question and answer time. There were questions about WordPerfect, ARexx, about whether to buy 2.0 or 2.1 or ARexx itself. (ARexx is included with 2.0 or 2.1) The advantage of buying ARexx is in getting the manual.

The presentation of the month was put on by Brett Hester. He really puts on a good presentation. He had an Amiga 4000, a 2500, and CDTV and lots of other accessories and an Epson 24 bit flat bed scanner. Using Art Department Scanner Control, he proceeded to scan images with amazing results. It is amazing what this thing did. He would scan in a whole image (page or picture), then select a portion and the scanner rescans that portion allowing you to fill the screen with that area. The results were photo quality and really amazing. As for color, gold was the only one that appeared to have a problem, in that it came out green

on the screen. That demo of the scanner was well worth the trip and Brett Hester was great.

I felt at home at the meeting and meet several of the officers, librarian, Ned Kelly, the MCCC Editor, Bill Raecke, President Ray Howard and VP Harold Williams. I bought a few disks of the goodies that the club offers and am making up a list of more that I want. I'll be getting that list to you shortly Ned.

It was a very good meeting and I look forward to being able to make it to another if I am in that area on a third Thursday.

Watch for news of METCOM, coming the first week of November in Dallas. I think I will try to arrange it so I can attend.

I received a letter from the publishers of COMPUTE! to advise me that the September issue will be the last to have a Amiga section in it. I have to assume that all the C=64 and 128 users that subscribe to that magazine and receive the combined or 64/128 issues have also received the same letter. I for one am very sorry to see that happen. I have almost a year and a half on my subscription. I am thinking of calling them and asking for a refund on the balance. They say they offer reviews on other things like printers etc., that are compatible with the Amiga. That is true, but I also liked the articles and reviews of the software and other things.

Beginner's Corner

by Steve Guthrie

This column will be dedicated to the novice 64 and 128 user. Each month I will try and feature something that the newer user can use during his or her computer time, that will hopefully make using their computer easier.

This month we will be discussing the format command. In computer terms, format is used to make-up or arrange data on a disk to make it readable by the disk drive. When you format a disk, you make it ready to receive data from the computer to be stored for later use.

The format command for a 1541, 1571, and 1581 are the same. You would type:

OPEN 15,8,15 (then press return)
"N0: diskname,AB"

This command opens a channel to the drive processor, telling it to make the disk in that drive "new". The 8 can be any number between 8 and 30 depending on which drive you want to format. The 1571 and 1581 come with device switches enabling you to switch from device 8 through 11. The 1541, on the other hand, must be modified either through software or the addition of a mechanical switch. The "0" is the default device number for CBM single drive units. "Diskname" is the name that you wish to call the disk. It can be up to 16 letters or numbers. Try not to use graphic characters, as they may lead to confusion. "AB" is the disk ID. Any 2 letters or combination of each may be used. Also try to use a different ID on each of your diskettes. This information is what the drive looks at when you insert a

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different disk into that unit. If the ID's were the same, the drive would just think you took the disk out of the drive and reinserted it. If the disks were actually different, but had the same ID, the directory may become corrupted, as the drive stores the directory information in memory. This is especially true on the 1581.

Type this command in and hit RETURN. Your drive will spin and the disk will be formatted. Be careful that the disk you have inserted is the one you want to format because all the data that was on the disk will be lost.

Once you have formatted your disk, it is ready to receive data from your computer. To check that the disk is formatted, load the directory (LOAD "\$",8) and list the directory. On the 128 you would simply hit the F3 key. You should see the name and ID of the disk in the drive.

Well, that's all for this month. (The Register, Tulsa Area Commodore Users Group, Tulsa, OK (Steve Guthrie is the Editor of that group))

CMD does it again!

Creative Micro Designs, Inc. the company that gave us Jiffy DOS, RAM Drive, RAM Link, HD Series Hard Drives, the new FD Series disk drives, Perfect Print for GEOS, Gateway for GEOS, GEO Canvas, GEO Make Boot, and Swift Link the Hayes Modem RS 232 link for Commodore Computers has expanded their product line again.

CMD announced that they have purchased TechMedia Discounts, the company that was selling software and hardware for RUN Magazine. Since the demise of RUN Magazine, MicroMedia has continued to sell the Re-Run Disks, Timeworks Software, Britannica Software, Dr. T's Music Software, Activision Software, Digiteck Software, Electronic Arts Software, Microillusions Software,

MicroProse Software, Origin Systems, Psygnosis Software, RUN Game Packages, Sir Tech Software, Abacus Books, GEOS and related software, Modem's, 64 & 128 Power Supplies, XETEC Super Graphix Printer Interfaces, Commodore 1764 and 1750 RAM Expanders, and CMD Products. (July 93 Memphis Commodore Users Club)

Print a Disk Directory

It's very useful to tape a printed copy of the directory to the disk's protective envelope. The following sequence will print it.

LOAD "\$",8

OPEN4,4:CMD4:LIST

When the printing is done, enter this to clear the printer:

PRINT#4:CLOSE4

Remeber, ?# is not an acceptable abbreviation for PRINT# -- if you use the abbreviations, the proper one is P shift R.

(by Jerry Orris, Jan 93)

Club Information

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